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1. Information on the 1st VP Bereitschaft of Saxony/Anhalt,

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a. Location

Kietz (... 53/Y 96)

b. Strength

About 750 police

c. Organization

Three Kommandos. Each Kommando of about 240 police and organized into three Abteilungen of four Gruppen. Each Gruppe had 11 police.

d. Personnel

Oberpolizeirat Ernst Guemmel, CO of the Bereitschaft, a former German artillery officer, a skilled waiter, about 45 years old, 160 cm tall, slender, black hair.

Oberkommissar Wagner, PK-Leiter, 175 cm tall, slender, fair hair.

Oberkommissar Leo Priske, Einsatzleiter (operations officer), 165 cm tall, slender, fair hair.

Oberkommissar Guenther Schroeder, CO of the 1st Kommando, 30 years old, 160 cm tall, slender, fair hair.

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Kommissar Brode, PK-Leiter of the 1st Kommando, about 35 years old, stout, black hair, wears glasses.

Polizeimeister Alfons Altmann, leader of the 2d Kommando, 28 years old, broad shouldered, fair hair.

Oberkommissar Lehmann, PK-Leiter of the 2d Kommando, 33 years old, 170 cm tall, fair hair, wears glasses.

Polizeirat Fritz Gottschalk, CO of the 3rd Kommando, former criminal police officer, 45 years old, stout, black hair.

Kommissar Goessler, PK-Leiter of the 3rd Kommando, 45 years old, slender, fair hair.

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e. Armament

Two 150-mm guns **
Two 88-mm guns (to be used for ground targets)
Five 75-mm infantry guns
One hundred submachine guns, model 42
Eight heavy machine guns, model 42
Three heavy machine guns, model 43
Two hundred carbines, model 98 A
A smaller number of pistols, models 08 and 38

f. Training

The Bereitschaft was engaged in a training course for HGO candidates which was started in November 1949 and is to last until May 1950. The training schedule includes two hours political indoctrination in the morning and weapons training in the afternoon.

g. Miscellaneous

A radio section of about 50 police in each Kommando. The training of these sections was started about the beginning of February 1950.

- C-6 2. A VP member known to source stated in mid-March 1950 that training with 105-mm and 122-mm guns was held at the Glietz VP school.

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* The Glietz VP Bereitschaft has been assumed to be the 1st (inf) Bereitschaft of Saxony/Anhalt. This assumption is contradicted by the observation of artillery pieces.

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** The gun types [redacted] are so varied that the data on the type of guns must be doubted. Actual presence of artillery equipment is possible, as the CO

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of the pereitschaft, Oberpolizeirat Ernst Ruemmel, is
an ex-artillery officer.

Further information is needed to determine whether the
Mietz pereitschaft is an infantry or artillery unit.

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